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SUBJECT: GOC DEPRIVES THREE CHILEAN EXILE LABOR LEADERS OF NATIONALIT
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1. THE "DIARIO OFFICIAL" ON MAY 7 PUBLISHED SUPREME DECREE
NO. 191 DATED FEBRUARY 23 DEPRIVING CHILEAN EXILE LABOR LEADERS
ERNESTO ARANEDA BRIONES, LUIS MENESES ARANDA AND HUMBERTO
ELGUETA -- ALL MEMBERS OF THE OUTLAWED CHILEAN WORKERS CENTRAL
(CUT) -- OF THEIR CHILEAN NATIONALITY. AS IS CUSTOMARY, THE DECREE
CARRIED THE SIGNATURES OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND HIS CABINET
MINISTERS.

2. THE DECREE CARRIED THE STANDARD LANGUAGE, CHARGING THE THREE
WITH PROMOTING AN ACTIVE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WHICH SOUGHT THE
"ISOLATION OF CHILE" FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD AND, IN SO DOING,
"THREATENING THE ESSENTIAL INTERESTS" OF THE STATE. SD-191
SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THE THREE ACTED ON BEHALF OF CUT --
AN ORGANIZATION THE DECREE SAYS WAS ABOLISHED BY DECREE LAW NO. 12
OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1973 AND IS THEREFORE NON-EXISTENT -- IN DENOUNCING
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"NON-EXISTENT DEEDS" BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION
(ILO), "FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF BERMIRING THE NAMES OF
THE FATHERLAND AND ITS LEADERS..."

3. COMMENT: THE GOC ACTION COMES ON THE EVE OF THE JUNE 1-22
ILO MEETING IN GENEVA AND APPEARS DESIGNED TO TAKE SOME OF THE
STING FROM WHATEVER STATEMENTS THE THREE LABOR LEADERS MAY BE

MAKING AGAINST THE GOC.

4. OF THE THREE, MENESES HAS MAINTAINED THE MOST ACTIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING THE ANTI-JUNTA CAMPAIGN. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CUT. MENESES VISITED THE U.S. IN FEBRUARY, INVITED BY THE UAW AND THE UNITED STEEL WORKERS. ELGUETA, A MEMBER OF THE RADICAL PARTY AND EX-PRESIDENT OF THE CHILEAN NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS, WAS RECRUITED TO WORK FOR THE CUT IN EXILE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE IS OLD AND SICK AND HAS NOT BEEN VERY ACTIVE. THE THIRD, ARANEDA, IS AN EX-COMMUNIST PARTY SENATOR RECRUITED BY CUT TO SERVE ON ITS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. PRIOR TO HIS ASSOCIATION WITH CUT, ARANEDA HAD NOT HAD ANY CONTACT WITH LABOR.

5. THE LATEST ACTION RAISES TO EIGHT THE NUMBER OF CHILEANS WHO HVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF THEIR NATIONALITY BY THE CURRENT GOC (REFTEL).
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